

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 22, 1879.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. HEREFORD, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 716.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 716) for the relief of Huff Jones, report as follows:

That on the 30th day of November, 1872, William T. Richardson, Indian agent, sold to Huff Jones between six million and eight million feet of pine saw-logs, at the rate of \$3 per thousand feet; the said logs were upon an Indian reservation in the State of Wisconsin. After said Jones had been to some considerable expense in getting ready to perform the contract, by purchasing horses, wagons, provisions, &c., the United States Government forbid the cutting of the timber, and disapproved of the contract sought to be made by the said Indian agent.

Said Richardson, the Indian agent, had no authority, direct or implied, to make any such contract. The government is in no way responsible. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the bill do not pass.